

Call for Master Thesis/Ausschreibung Masterarbeit

Motives of solidarity to support migrant workers in the building cleaning sector

Trade unions' and employers' action in European comparative perspective

Description

The building cleaning sector stands out for its large number of migrant workers, especially migrant women are overrepresented in this sector. Working condition and remuneration are often described as insufficient or even bad and informal working relations are not uncommon. Given this precarious situation, different solidarity-based initiatives have emerged in order to protect, support and give counseling to migrant workers. Using a comparative perspective between six European countries (Bulgaria, France, Germany, Poland, Spain and Sweden) and taking into consideration the points of view of trade unions and employers' organisations, the master thesis should identify (transnational) solidarity-based initiatives of these organisations and look into the motives behind them. At the same time, it should take into account the position of employers and their demands.

This master thesis is part of a larger project called "Places and motives of acts of solidarity in transnational working relations". For more information please visit: <https://www.uni-bremen.de/places-and-motives-of-acts-of-solidarity-in-transnational-working-relations>

Hence, partial transcriptions of expert interviews in English for 3 countries will be provided (Spain will be transcribed in Spanish), but support with transcription of German and Swedish (interviews in Sweden will be conducted in English) interviews is required from the master student. As basis of the master thesis, the student has to develop an own research question and theoretical approach in order to analyse the provided data. The master student will be integrated into discussions within the wider project work and can use the literature collection as well as infrastructures of the project.

The master thesis can be written either in German or in English. Work on the interviews should start in the winter semester 2022.

Requirements

- Aspired master thesis in sociology, political science or European labour studies or social policy at the University of Bremen
- Interest in the topic and some knowledge concerning comparative labour relations
- very good English language skills; preferable also Spanish
- Experience working with interviews and using qualitative methods
- Reliability and independent work

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